

Subject: Re: 7-Eleven Hearing Updates

From: Ellen Endo

Date: 3/16/18, 10:35 PM

To: Masao Okamoto <okalax@gmail.com>, Kristin Fukushima <kristin@littletokyola.org>

CC: Joanne kumamoto <JKumamoto@aol.com>

Our safety patrol captain and I are putting our data together and will have it ready to send to the Associate Zoning Administrator by early next week.

Ellen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Friday, March 16, 2018, 2:40 PM, Masao Okamoto <okalax@gmail.com> wrote:

Kristin,
cc: Ellen, Joanne

I am sure you have accessed this crime map information before but the subject area is not as bad as the rest of the area.

Regards,
Mike Okamoto

<https://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/losangeles>

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On Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 11:02 AM, Kristin Fukushima <kristin@littletokyola.org> wrote:

Hi folks!

Ellen, not sure if you've had a chance yet, but if not - friendly reminder that we have until April 7th (which is a Saturday, so I guess Friday April 6th?) to send in any further documentation / incident reports to the Zoning Administrator for the 7-Eleven CUP Request. I think you mentioned at the hearing that the BID has kept track of calls they've taken for this area? If you can send that over, that would be so great! If you did so already - thank you!!

Info for where to send things: Zoning Administrator Fernando Tovar (fernando.tovar@lacity.org) & City Planner William Hughen (william.hughen@lacity.org)

Thanks!

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From: **Kristin Fukushima** <kristin@littletokyola.org>

Date: Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Subject: 7-Eleven Hearing Updates

To: Kristin Fukushima <kristin@littletokyola.org>

Hi all,

Thank you so much to those that were able to attend the hearing, speak at the hearing, submit a letter, and the many other actions of support that came out from our community! Through all our collective work and actions, we definitely made our voice heard by the city. Again, thank you so much everyone - your commitment to our historic neighborhood is always inspiring and powerful.

Some quick updates:

- Zoning Administrator Fernando Tovar made the decision to **keep the case open for another thirty days, or until April 7th**. At that point, he will render a decision.
- In the meantime, folks are encouraged to still send in letters! There will probably not be another hearing.
 - send letters to: Zoning Administrator Fernando Tovar (fernando.tovar@lacity.org) & City Planner William Hughen (william.hughen@lacity.org)
- If Zoning Administrator Fernando Tovar asked you to submit further documentation - such as police reports, incident reports, or anything else - OR if you happen to have any kind of records that document crime or disturbances - **please submit that to him at fernando.tovar@lacity.org**. Please also cc the city planner assigned: William Hughen - william.hughen@lacity.org
- Zoning Administrator Fernando Tovar mentioned that he could limit the hours of operation of the 7-Eleven, if he approves the off-site beer & wine sale request. Both the off-site beer & wine sales and the 24-hour operations of the 7-Eleven are big concerns of the LT Community Council. **We will be discussing how to pursue this at the upcoming LTCC All-Committees meeting on Wed, 3/21, 3pm at JACCC. If you cannot attend, please email me your thoughts.**
- Unfortunately, the 7-Eleven itself is allowed 'by-right' (as in they do not need approval or permission), as the plan for that area allows for a convenience store. Therefore, we do not have any planning or policy mechanisms to stop the 7-Eleven.

Next steps:

- LTCC will continue to follow-up on this Conditional Use Permit liquor license request for off-site sales.
- If you are interested in being part of the discussions and planning for further actions on this 7-Eleven, **please contact me!!** There is a LOT happening in Little Tokyo right now, and everyone is needed to try to cover all the issues in our community happening concurrently.

Thank you again!

On Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 2:33 PM, Kristin Fukushima <kristin@littletokyola.org> wrote:
Hi all,

Thank you to those who have let me know that you can attend the hearing tomorrow, and/or have sent letters in!! We just heard that the Zoning Administrator for the hearing will be Fernando Tovar, who has sided against communities before in favor of businesses, even with large-scale mobilization. **If you haven't let me know you can attend the hearing, or send in a letter - please let me know ASAP!**

For those attending the hearing, and want to walk over together:

- let's meet at 10:30am outside the Starbucks at 1st/Los Angeles in that courtyard.
- we'll be leaving at 10:40am for City Hall - if you don't make it to Starbucks by then, meet us at City Hall!
- The hearing is in the City Hall main building, on the 10th floor in Room 1020, at 11am. They usually start pretty promptly, so please be on time!
- If you've told me that you are planning to make it, a couple folks will be arriving early to sign people up for public comment.
- If you need to contact me (to let me know you're running late, to let me know you can suddenly make it / can't make it, etc) - call or text me (Kristin) at [562-895-3295](tel:562-895-3295)

I'm reattaching the LTCC letter and letter template, and please see below for further information about that.

Thank you to folks who have been spreading this around your networks! This CUP Hearing is just one stage in a larger effort, so letting folks know about this is very helpful.

Thanks!
Kristin

On Mon, Mar 5, 2018 at 1:32 PM, Kristin Fukushima <kristin@littletokyola.org> wrote:

Hi folks,

After 7-Eleven presented its plans to open a 7-Eleven in Avalon Bay (at the corner of 2nd & Los Angeles), along with its request for support to sell alcohol off-site (i.e. people can walk in and buy beer and wine to go), during our February meetings, LTCC passed two motions through our committees, Board, and General Membership:

- That LTCC opposes the 7-Eleven request to allow off-site sales of alcohol, and its proposed hours of operation,
- That LTCC opposes the 7-Eleven store be located at Avalon Bay in Little Tokyo.

7-Eleven's request to sell off-site liquor will be considered by the Zoning Administrator in a hearing scheduled for **this Wednesday, March 7th, 11am at City Hall in Room 1020**. We hope that anyone who participated in these discussions, or shares LTCC's sentiment will be able to **attend this hearing and oppose the liquor license request and/or write a letter of opposition**. A reminder again that this hearing is specifically for 7-Eleven's ability to sell liquor off-site, and not about their actual presence in Little Tokyo, although of course the latter can be expressed as well.

Letters can be sent to William Huguen: william.hughen@lacity.org.

I am attaching a template that can be used, as well as LTCC's letter for reference.

If you are able to attend - please let me know! I will be sending an email out tomorrow coordinating for anyone who wants to walk over together.

If you are able to write a letter - please send me a version so that we can provide hard copies at the hearing!

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Thanks,
Kristin

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